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PASS TO LOREE SILLOWAY, CMM FOR AUSTRALIA/ NEW ZEALAND

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, AS
SUBJ: COMMERCIAL FISHING CATALOG SHOW

REF: (A) CANBERRA 8949, (B) CANBERRA 5711(BOTH NOTAL)

1. FIRST PREFERENCE FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING CATALOG EXHIBITION IS TO HAVE EXHIBITION SUPPORTED OUT OF MELBOURNE, TO BE HELD IN ADELAIDE ALONE OR IN ADELAIDE AND OTHER TOWNS ALONG SOUTH COAST AS A MOBILE SHOW.

2. AGREEMENT WAS RECEHED AT CCP MEETING IN CANBERRA DECEMBER 14 THAT LOCATION OF FISHING INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA ARGUES IN FAVOR OF SOUTH COAST SHOW IN PREFERENCE TO SYDNEY SHOW. HOWEVER, IF FOUR RATHER THAN THREE POSTS CAN BE SELECTED FOR SHOW, SYDNEY CONTINUES TO WISH TO BE INCLUDED. AMONG REASONS FOR SYDNEY SHOW WOULD BE UNUSUAL DEGREE OF EXPERTISE OF CONGEN OFFICER, ACQUIRED FROM EXPERICNCE WITH HIS FAMILY'S FISHING BUSINESS; RELATIVE UNDERUTILIZATION BY AUSTRLIA OF ITS OCEAN RESOURCES; AND EXISTENCE OF LARGE SYDNEY-AREA POPULATION AS BASE FOR MARKET FISHING IF AUSTRALIA MOVES TOWARDS INCREASED OCEAN EXPLOITATION.

3. SYDNEY, OF COURSE, REMAINS AS ALTERNATE CHOICE FOR THIRD
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LOCATION IF ADELAIDE/SOUTH COAST SHOW SHOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE.

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4. CONGEN MELBOURNE IS PREPARING BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR ADE-
LAIDE OR ADELAIDE/SOUTH COAST SHOW, AS REQUESTED IN SILLOWAY
TELECON, AND WILL FORWARD THESE ASAP TOGETHER WITH STATISTICS
OF SIZE AND LOCATION OF AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY. THESE STATISTICS
MAY SHOW GREATER POTENTIAL FOR PERTH THAN SYDNEY, IN WHICH
CASE MELBOURNE CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR FOOD PROCESSING AND
PACKAGING EQUIPMENT WILL COORDINATE RECOMMENDATION THAT PERTH
REPLACE SYDNEY AS PREFERRED CHOICE FOR FOURTH SHOW LOCATION.
IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY NOTES THAT THERE IS REGIONAL FISHERIES
ATTACHE IN TOKYO WHO WOULD APPEAR IDEALLY SUITED TO SERVE AS
INDUSTRY EXPERT IN FOURTH LOCATION IF INDUSTRY EXPERT FROM
U.S. CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FOURTH LOCATION.
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